

Milwaukee County

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SUPERVISOR HARRIS STATEMENT ON POSSIBLE CUTS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOLS

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisor Nikiya Harris released the following statement regarding cuts to local governments and schools under consideration by Governor Scott Walker's administration in his upcoming budget, to be released on Tuesday:

"Milwaukee County, like all local governments and school districts, could face huge cuts in state funding in Governor Scott Walker's upcoming budget. The County, along with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS), the City of Milwaukee, and other local municipal governments and school districts could be hit hard in areas like education, transportation, and human services.

"It's no secret that Milwaukee has one of the most depressed school systems in the nation. Drastic reductions in education funding would only devastate an already stressed system. This injustice, if adopted, will ultimately cause great economic harm to Milwaukee.

"It's clear that the Governor did not think this through. Does he realize his actions could jeopardize the education of nearly 100,000 kids? Governor Walker has gone too far, and I am not going to take this lying down. I am standing up for the education of our kids. They are our future, and we can't mortgage their future just to save a few dollars in the budget.

"These reductions will have a cumulative effect on the entire Milwaukee County community."